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Indiana Deaf-Blind Awareness Training Held at the State House

Indiana Deaf-Blind Task Force, facilitated by Chairperson Peri Rogowski, led the Indiana Deaf-Blind Awareness Training at the Indiana Government Center last May 10, 2005. About 80 attendees including Vocational Rehabilitation counselors across the state participated in the all day conference.



Jeffrey Bohrman, Ph.D. and Marcia McDermott, both deaf-blind, were keynote speakers for the conference. Dr. Bohrman is the Director of the Ohio Deaf-Blind Outreach Program at the Speech and Hearing Center in Columbus, Ohio. His Ph.D. is in pharmacology and he was a research toxicologist for years before he changed careers due to his visual loss. He is active in many committees and organizations - local, state, national, and international.

Marcia McDermott, has been involved with the Indiana DeafBlind Association for a long time, advocating for the cause. A native of Muncie, Indiana, she recently attended Nassau Community College in New York and was trained at the Helen Keller National Center for the Deaf-Blind.

In the morning, a panel of five deaf-blind consumers held a question and answer session. They shared their experiences and concerns on a variety of issues with the audience. Jeffery Ballard of South Bend, Suzanne McGeath of Indianapolis, Marcia McDermott of Indianapolis, Barbara Sponseller of Fort Wayne and Barbara (Continued to page 4)

WIBC HAS A LIST OF FRIENDLY BUSINESSES FOR RELAY INDIANA USERS

Deaf and hard of hearing TTY users who rely on Relay Indiana for communication accessibility with businesses may have experienced frustration when trying to get a response from area businesses. Now thanks to Relay Indiana and WIBC there is a listing of Relay friendly businesses in Indiana. The names of businesses which are on the list are familiar with Relay Indiana and will not hang up on you when you call them. The business names are found on the WIBC website:

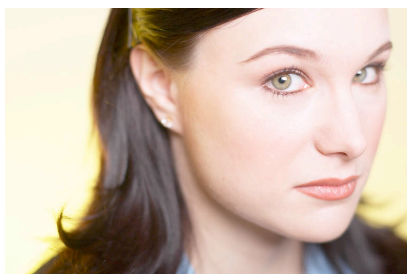
www.wibc.com/client/relayindiana_businessdatabase.aspz.

If you plan to print it out, there will be 48 pages! Nearly 200 categories are on the list. It is worth checking out.



ADA and You

How to Find an ADA Complaint



Knowing your rights as Deaf and hard of hearing individuals may be as important as knowing your health status. If you know that you have health problems and your doctor gives advice on how to correct and protect your health, it is up to you to follow this advice. If you do, you feel good about yourself and

will be healthier. It is the same with your rights as an American citizen. You know the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was made to protect you. It is up to you to exercise the rights under the law. This means you may have to file a complaint if someone violates the ADA and treats you unjustly. For more information about how to file an ADA complaint, please go to website:

<http://www.lectlaw.com/files/emp04.htm>.

Deaf Hoosier Community News

Jess Smith, Former Deaf Leader Dies

Jess M. Smith of Indianapolis, who was known for his involvement with two nationwide organizations in which he helped to found—the Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf (RID) and the Telecommunication for the Deaf, Incorporated. (TDI), passed away on May 5, 2005. He served as chairman on the DHHS Advisory Committee for five years from 1992 to 1997. He was assistant superintendent at the Indiana School for the Deaf from 1961 to 1989. He had been a long time advocate for deaf community and Jess will be missed.

Interpreter's Turn

All NAD Certified Interpreters Levels III, IV and V Must Apply to RID for Dual Membership in the NAD and the RID by June 30, 2005 or . . . they will lose their NAD Certification.

(This article is excerpted from NAD website.)

This deadline is final; there will be no reinstatements after this date. Individuals with expired certificates will be required to take the new NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification test.

The NAD has been working diligently to update records and reach out to interpreters who have not provided updated contact information to ensure that everyone applies to RID for dual membership in the NAD and the RID. This applies to any NAD certified interpreter, regardless of their certification date or current interpreter status.

If you want to keep your NAD certification, you must do two things:

1. Apply to the RID for dual membership in the NAD and the RID. Join Now! Go to <http://www.rid.org/memapp.pdf>, and
2. Actively participate in the RID Certification Maintenance Program (CMP)

In addition to the above, all NAD interpreters:

1. Will now contact the RID for dual membership renewal and CMP information.
2. Have until December 31, 2008 to complete eight (8) Continuing Education Units (CEU). (After this date, a new four-year cycle will begin.)
3. Will be able to bypass the written portion of the new NAD-RID National Interpreter Certification Test (NIC), without a written waiver (this only applies to NAD and RID interpreters who are in good standing).
4. Must notify both organizations of any contact information changes, such as names or addresses. (The NAD and the RID are separate organizations and each keep their own records.)

Additional Note

If you know any NAD certified interpreters who are unaware of these requirements, please have them contact the NAD as soon as possible.

Questions?

For assistance with the membership form, contact Melissa Bowhay, RID Membership Department at membership@rid.org. If you have questions about your NAD certification, contact Kelly Aziz, NAD Interpreter Records, aziz@nad.org.





Training in Indiana

June 4-6, 2005

Saturday through Monday

ASL '4' Us Midwestern Conference

WEB: <http://asl4us.com/>

Indianapolis Marriott
Downtown

June 13, 14 and 15, 2005

Monday through Wednesday

Educational Interpreter Workshop

Instructors: Michael Jackson
and Pam Patton

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

IIC & EIC CEUs:

1.0 in Category 1 and

1.0 in Category 2

Learning Center
Columbus, IN

Contact:

Jay Cherry

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June 20 - 24, 2005

Monday through Friday

An Introduction to American Sign Language Linguistics

Instructors: Heidi Givens

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

IIC & EIC CEUs:

3.0 - Category 1

Evansville Goodwill Inc
RADHH

Evansville, IN

Contact: Marva Johnson

(812) 425-2726 (work)

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*July 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and
23, 2005*

Fridays & Saturdays

Deconstructing English Class

Instructors: David Jones

Time: 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fridays

and 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays

IIC & EIC CEUs:

3.45 - Category 1

Valparaiso Academic Center

Valparaiso, IN

Contact:

Phyllis Dranger

(219) 548-2468

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Indiana Deaf-Blind

Tweedy of Muncie were the panelists. Then in the afternoon the group facilitated a discussion on the topic, "How Can We Work Together to Serve the Deaf-Blind Population?"

Before the end of the session, there was a discussion regarding next steps in this process and the need for further training. It is expected that the Indiana Deaf-Blind Task Force will continue this type of training in the future.

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